

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Constitution River Rejuvenation Committee - Orders – Issued .

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 191

Dated:29-11-2018

Read the following:-

- 1) Orders of Hon'ble NGT, (Principal Bench), New Delhi, Dated.20.9.18 in O.A.No.673 of 2018.
- 2) From the M.S., TSPCB, Hyd., Lr.No.680/TSPCB /LAB /RRC /2018-2304, dated: 23.10.2018.

\*\*\*\*\*

**ORDER:**

The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad in his letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, with reference to the orders of Hon'ble NGT 1<sup>st</sup> read above has reported that the following directions are issued by Hon'ble NGT, Principal Bench, New Delhi:

- i. All States and Union Territories are directed to prepare action plans within two months for bringing all the polluted river stretches to be fit at least for bathing purposes (i.e BOD<3 mg/L and FC <500 MPN/100ml) within Six months from the date of finalization of the action plans.
- ii. The action plans may be prepared by four- member Committee comprising, Director, Environment, Director, Urban Development, Director, Industries, Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board of concerned State. This Committee will also be the Monitoring Committee for execution of the action plan. The Committee may be called 'River Rejuvenation Committee' (RRC). The RRC will function under the overall supervision and coordinate on of Principal Secretary, Environment of the concerned State/Union Territory.
- iii. The action plan will include components like identification of polluting sources including functioning/ status of STPs/ETPs/CETP and solid waste management and processing facilities, quantification and characterisation of solid waste, trade and sewage generated in the catchment area of polluted river stretch. The action plan will address issues relating to; ground water extraction, adopting good irrigation practices, protection and management of Flood Plain Zones (FPZ), rain water harvesting, ground water charging, maintaining minimum environmental flow of river and plantation on both sides of the river. Setting up of biodiversity parks on flood plains by removing encroachment shall also be considered as an important component for river rejuvenation. The action plan should focus on proper interception and diversion of sewage carrying drains to the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and emphasis should be on utilization of treated sewage so as to minimize extraction of ground or surface water. The action plan should have speedy, definite or specific timelines for execution of steps. Provision may be made to pool the resources, utilizing funds from State budgets, local bodies, State Pollution Control Board/ Committee and out of Central Schemes.

P.T.O

:2:

- iv. The Action Plans may be subjected to a random scrutiny by a task team of the CPCB.
  - v. The Chief Secretaries of the State and Administrators/ Advisors to Administrators of the Union Territories will be personally accountable for failure to formulate action plan, as directed.
  - vi. All States and Union Territories are required to send a copy of Action Plan to CPCB especially w.r.t Priority I & Priority II stretches for approval.
  - vii. The States and the Union Territories concern are directed to set up Special Environment Surveillance Task Force, comprising nominees of District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police, Regional Officer of State Pollution Control Board and one person to be nominated by District Judge in his capacity as Chairman of Legal Services Authority on the pattern of direction of this Tribunal dated 07.08.2018, in Original Application No. 138/2016 (TNHRC), "Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River (Suo-Motu Case).
  - viii. The Task Force will also ensure that no illegal mining takes place in river beds of such polluted stretches.
  - ix. The RRC will have a website inviting public participation from educational institutions, religious institutions and commercial establishments. Achievement and failure may also be published on such website. The Committee may consider suitably rewarding those contributing significantly to the success of the project.
  - x. The RRCs will have the authority to recover the cost of rejuvenation in Polluter Pays Principle from those who may be responsible for the pollution, to the extent found necessary. In this regard, principle laid down by this Tribunal in order dated 13.07.2017 in O.A.No.200 of 2014, M.C Mehta Vs. U.O.I will apply. Voluntary donations, CSR contribution, voluntary services and private participation may be considered in consultation with the RRC.
2. The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB), Hyderabad in his letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above has therefore requested the Government to constitute River Rejuvenation Committee with Director, Environment, Director, Urban Development, Director, Industries, Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board for the State of Telangana for preparation and execution of action plans.
3. Government after careful consideration of the recommendation of the Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB), hereby constitute the "River Rejuvenation Committee" for preparation and execution of action plans, with the following members for complying with the directions of the Hon'ble NGT at para (1) above:

1.	Chief Secretary to Government.	Chairman
2.	Spl.C.S /PrI. Secy/ Secy, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department.	Vice – Chairman
3.	Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board.	Member Convenor

4.	Director General, Environment Protection Training and Research Institute.	Member
5.	Spl.C.S./ Prl. Secy/Secy, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department.	Member
6.	Spl.C.S./ Prl. Secy/Secy, Industries Department.	Member
7.	M.D.,Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply Sewage Board (HMWSSB).	Member
8.	M.D., Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC).	Member
9.	Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department.	Member

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AJAY MISRA  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To  
The Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana.  
The Spl.C.S /Prl. Secy/ Secy, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department.  
The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad.  
The Director General, Environment Protection Training and Research Institute, Hyderabad.  
The Spl.C.S./ Prl. Secy/Secy, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.  
The Spl.C.S./ Prl. Secy/Secy, Industries and Commerce Department, Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.  
The Managing Director, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply Sewage Board (HMWSSB), Hyderabad.  
The Managing Director, Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC). Hyderabad.  
The Principal Secretary to Finance Department, Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.  
SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER